

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017
MEETING ROOM B - THIRD FLOOR COURTHOUSE

Members Present: Joseph Pederson, Kevin Campbell, Russell McDougall, Wayne Lepper, Chuck Hendrickson, Grant Weyland, Sara Watson Curry, Roger Richman, Russ Colson, DiAnn Streifel.

Members Absent: Everett Nelson.

Others Present: Julie Kennedy, Stephanie Reynolds, Maggie Gruber, Shannon Thompson, Tim Magnusson, Kirk Rosenberger, Lynne Spaeth, Matt Evans, Marlon Mackowick, Brad Holm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Russ Colson, seconded by Roger Richman, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by Russ McDougall and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the March 23, 2017 Minutes as corrected.

SPRING COLLECTION UPDATE – SHANNON THOMPSON

Shannon Thompson reported they had a fantastic Earth Week. It was successful and well received. A press conference was held with Clay County Solid Waste and the City of Moorhead. They also held an art exhibit at the library.

Barnesville collections went well with 110 drop-offs at the electronics. The volunteer group in Barnesville was the Clay County Coyotes 4-H Club. They had a great turnout. The volunteers kept the traffic going and were very helpful.

Thompson stated that she, Stephanie Reynolds and Steve Moore had an interview regarding clean-up week, and will be on the front page of *The Extra* on April 28.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE UPDATE – JULIE KENNEDY

Julie Kennedy reported that everything is going well.

The Barnesville collection took in slightly more than last year. The only difference was the significant increase in the number of people who brought in their waste oil.

LANDFILL UPDATE – LARRY HENRY

Rosenberger presented the landfill update whereas Larry Henry was attending training in St. Cloud.

Rosenberger mailed additional correspondence to the neighbors of the landfill and once again attempted to make Clay County Services available. No response has been received. Garbage cleanup at the landfill continues and is scheduled for the first and third Saturdays in May.

Rosenberger reported that new roster employees were hired last month at the landfill and are working out well.

The PCA conducted an inspection of the landfill. The two major items they listed were: Using the fines from Perham as a daily cover; and leachate seeping out the side of the landfill. Rosenberger stated this happens every spring. The seeps were not significant, but they are of concern. Henry will be placing more black dirt and grass to dry it up. If that is not successful, PCA advised to deposit clay. The other options are putting in a French drain or digging to determine the cause. Rosenberger expects the black dirt will take care of the problem.

After the rainstorm, there were a couple of leaks in the roof of the new building and those are being resolved with caulking.

They received 200 trees and will have the roster employees and Green Corp plant them.

TRANSFER STATION PROJECT– MATT EVANS

Matt Evans reported they are on schedule at 65% completion of the design development phase. They are putting together the final construction plans and have approximately 100 drawings in place. They will put the specifications together to go out to contractors for bids.

The MPCA permit application is completed and will be submitted in the next day or two.

Additionally, Evans informed they continue work in the beginning stages of the B3 (“Buildings, Benchmarks and Beyond”) sustainability and variance request. This is required to receive State funding. Furthermore, they will continue to support the Solid Waste Superintendent in advocating for State funding.

The next steps include preparation of the construction drawings, identifying the applicable B3 design and continue supporting Rosenberger in the State funding.

Handout plans of the facility layout, public portion, meeting rooms, office space and tipping floor were made available to the Committee.

Rosenberger added that the MPCA Commissioner will be at the transfer station on Tuesday.

PLASTIC BAG CONVERSATION UPDATE – AMY CRANE

Amy Crane was not present.

Rosenberger reported that Crane has put together a work plan that is more structured. The group will meet again on May 4th. Crane is suggesting they divide into sub-committees assigned to specific areas: education; marketing; and finance. The conversations have been positive.

PERHAM REPORT – KEVIN CAMPBELL

Kevin Campbell reported that the budget committee met this month and things are looking good. They reviewed numbers through March and if everything trends correctly, revenues over expenditures would be \$2.5 million. A significant amount is needed to cover the bonding, leaving approximately \$450,000. Out of that total, there is a one-time payment of \$181,000 on a previous contract and \$200,000 added to the budget for major mechanical issues. Currently, no monies have been spent for major mechanical issues.

Mitigation regarding construction issues will take place in June in Minneapolis.

There is a new contract with Baumgarts and they are working on a new contract with Tuffy's.

SOLID WASTE UPDATE – KIRK ROSENBERGER

Rosenberger reported that Barnesville collections was phenomenal and the volunteers were very helpful.

Rosenberger said he and Overbo are researching the possibility of methane providing heat for the joint Highway/Landfill building. They are doing preliminary work and reviewing utility bills, etc. Yesterday they met and assigned tasks, and plan to meet again next month, thereafter they will talk with the Highway Committee.

Rosenberger stated that two more paper catching fences were purchased for the landfill to try and keep the working space as small as possible. Both are done to try to keep blowing paper on-site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.